



Wichita Toy Train Club

THE SEMAPHORE

October – December 2025



NEW MEMBERS



Justin & Kathleen Karr, Claudia Rollstin, Henry Jennings, Alex Betts, David Arvidson, Matthew & Rachel Rutland, Dylan & Kaitlyn Wheeler, Thomas Dalton

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We look forward to seeing you at the museum!

From the President, Rich Parsons

Time sure seems to fly by anymore. Fall is already here. Time to think about turning back our clocks. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Santa will be at the museum in December. Christmas family gatherings. New Years Eve parties. This could go on and on.

Quite a few things are going on at the museum. We are getting ready to re-finish the floor in Cohen Hall. This will happen the week before and the week after our Fall Train Show in October. The museum will be closed for this 2-week period. Jerald Peterson and Kevin DeThample need volunteers to move small layouts and other things in preparation for the floor refinishing. The help is needed on the weekend of October 18 and the weekend of November 2. Please contact Jerald if you can help (316-253-9925).

Norval Alliston is looking for members to fill Board positions. Remember, this is **your** club and museum. Call Norval if you are interested (316-619-0369). Shirlene LeBleu still has openings for volunteers to help at the October train show. Call Shirlene if you can help (210-381-3253).

Santa (Duane Dawson) will be at the museum on December 20. This usually makes us busier so plan to come by and help that day.

The sorting and pricing project is winding down. Be sure and go upstairs and see the progress and see what you need to purchase and take home. Remember, members get a 10% discount.

As I announced to the board in May, I will be stepping back from my responsibilities at the club effective December 31, 2025. Nancy and I need a break to catch back up on our life and family. This has created several opportunities for you to volunteer. Opportunities include Gift Shop Manager, Board Member, President, Train Show Sales, Upstairs Train Sales, Finance Committee and working donations. I hope you will consider what part you can have in making the museum a great destination place. Training is available.

Finally, as Nancy and I step back at the end of the year, I would like to say THANK YOU to all who have helped on the many projects during the last two years. We could not have done it without you. It has been my privilege to serve as your president.

I think I have rambled long enough. THANKS for all you do for the Wichita Toy Train Museum/Club.

Rich

Rental Lockers:

All members are eligible to rent up to two lockers (any size) to store their trains at the museum. A Rental Agreement form must be signed and payment made before the member may use the lockers. Small lockers are \$5/month, medium lockers are \$7/month, and large lockers are \$10/month. Payment is for a minimum of one calendar quarter and a maximum of four quarters. When rental begins during a quarter, the rate will be pro-rated to the end of the current calendar quarter. At the end of the rental agreement, a new form must be submitted and signed. Rental agreement forms are available from the Yardmaster and payment will be made at the front desk. Members must supply their own lock, and storage is at their own risk. WTTC will assume no responsibility for stored items.

Board of Director Elections:

Our annual Board of Directors elections will be held at the monthly Business meeting on December 6, 2025. There are several positions up for election. Each one is for a two-year period starting on Jan 1, 2026. They are: President, Treasurer and at least four Director positions

If you would like to be nominated for one of these six positions, please let Norval Alliston know (316-619-0369). He will include you on the slate of candidates that will be presented at the November Business meeting.



Officers

President: Rich Parsons

Vice President: Brian Chestnut

Secretary: Shirlene LeBleu

Treasurer: Zachariah Hubl

Board Members

Norval Alliston

John Flinn

Mike Gable

Gary Thompson

Greg Jamis

Frank LeBleu

Jerald Peterson

Conrad Youngblom

Jr. Director: Isaac Langhofer

Hours:

Saturdays 10AM - 5PM (except holidays)

Age 13 and older: \$7 6 through 12: \$4

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